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**Document 23: Court of Chancery: bill of complaint
Ducke vs Ducke, 28 November 1663**
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This document is a bill of complaint *Ducke vs Ducke*, dated 28 November 1663. (Catalogue reference: C 10/487/83)

This case is a pleading initiated in the court of Chancery, addressed to Edward, earl of Clarendon in his role as the Lord Chancellor. The document is the bill of complaint by the plaintiff, Richard Ducke, against, Philip Ducke.

Please note:

- The document is written in a mixed hand, with both secretary and italic elements. For example, the marginal word, 'Wilkinsons', is in italic hand.
- An Orator, line 3, is a complainant

28th Xth 1663

To His Right Hon^{ble} the Edward Earl of
 York & Chaworth of England

W^m M^{rs} 1663

In all humble manner Emphayninge to Vrats Richard Duke of Devon the
 of August in the year of his said godd blessed shawthand six hundred fifty three, he
 Edward and our Willings Duke of Devon sheweth a firste year beinge desirous
 from the said Lord sheweth of the grant he had to the said Willings Duke of his
 should nominate the said Duke of Devon to be aboute a difference from our under
 the then the said Duke of Devon truly writte to the then upon beinge about to be
 the Duke of Devon after the said Duke of Devon appears out of the forest of Willings Duke

transcript

1. To the Right Hono[r]able Edward Earle of Clarendon
2. Lord Chancellor of England.
[Margin] 28 No[vember] 1663 Wilkinsons
3. In all humble manner Complayninge Yo[u]r Orator Richard Duce of Ide in the Countye of Devon gent[leman] Sheweth Unto Yo[u]r good Lordshipp That in or about the Moneth
4. of August in the Yeare of o[u]r Lord god One Thousand Sixe hundred Fiftye Nyne, haveing then A p[ar]ticuler Estate in A Messuage & Tenem[en]t in Heavytree in the s[ai]d County of
5. Devon And one Phillipp Duce of Heavytree afores[ai]d gent[leman] being desirous to deale w[i]th Yo[u]r Orator for his Estate therein & to have him to p[ro]cure A newe Estate in the same
6. from the Landlord thereof to be graunted unto the s[ai]d Phillipp Duce his Executor & Assignes for Nynety Nyne Years determinable on the Deathes of Three such p[er]sons as he
7. should Nominate & treatinge w[i]th Yo[u]r Orator thereabout & p[re]feringe him an Under Valewe for the same to witt the sum[m]e of Twenty Pounds Current English money at least
8. lesse then the s[ai]d p[re]misses were truly worth & he thereupon being about to breake offe his former treaty with the fores[ai]d Phillipp Duce, which one Richard Duce of
9. Heavytree afores[ai]d gent[leman] sonne & heire apparent of the fores[ai]d Phillipp Duce & who was p[re]sent at the s[ai]d Treaty observing;